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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, YO  
SUBJECT: POLITICAL DIALOGUE

REF: BELGRADE 4387

1. TWO EMBASSY OFFICERS MET JULY 25 WITH DUSAN BOGDANOVIC, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE YUGOSLAV FEDERATION OF YOUTH (OMLADINA) TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE EXCHANGES WITH THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS. BODGANOVIC SAID THAT HE HAD NOT SEEN ACYPL LETTER ADDRESSED TO OMLADINA PRESIDENT AZEM VLASI, SO EMBOFFS GAVE HIM A COPY. EMBOFFS MADE POINT THAT EXCHANGES HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BEFORE BUT WITH NO RESULTS, AND TOLD BOGDANOVIC THAT DOLANC IN TALK WITH AMBASSADOR HAS APPROVED CONCEPT OF POLITICAL AND YOUTH EXCHANGES BETWEEN YUGOSLAVI AND US.

2. BOGDANOVIC SAID THAT PREVIOUS INVITATION HAD BEEN WITHIN STATE DEPARTMENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM WHEREAS THE OMLADINA WOULD PREFER DIRECT BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH "NON-GOVERNMENTAL" ORGANIZATIONS SIMILAR TO ITS OWN. HE SAID ACYPL WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATION AND THAT AN EXCHANGE COULD PROBABLY BE WORKED OUT. HE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN "THEMATIC PROGRAMS" WITH  
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POLITICAL ORIENTATION (BY WHICH HE PRESUMABLY MEANS CONFERENCES OR BILATERAL DISCUSSION ON SPECIFIC TOPICS OF INTEREST). HE NOTED THAT THE OMLADINA HAS AN EXTENSIVE PROGRAM OF INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE BUT THERE IS A "BIG HOLE" REGARDING US. SINCE BOTH VLASI AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SECRETARY KERIM ARE PRESENTLY OUT OF TOWN IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THEM

FIRST TO CONSIDER THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY ACYPL.  
(NOTE: VLASI RETURNED SAME DAY AFTER LEADING OMLADINA  
GROUP TO PRC, DPRK, VIETNAM AND JAPAN.) BOGDANOVIC  
PROMISED TO CONTACT US ONCE DECISION WAS TAKEN. HE  
ASKED WHETHER IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THE YUGOSLAV  
DELEGATION WOULD VISIT THE US FIRST, TO WHICH WE  
REPLIED THAT THIS WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING, SINCE ACYPL  
HAD EXTENDED INVITATION. BOGDANOVIC ALSO EXPRESSED AN  
INTEREST IN MEETING SPENCER OLIVER, DIRECTOR OF STAFF OF  
CSCE COMMISSION, IF HE SHOULD RETURN TO BELGRADE.

3. SINCE EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED RESPONSE TO REFTEL WE  
HAVE DISCUSSED QUESTIONS OF POLITICAL EXCHANGES  
WITH LCY AND SAWPY, WITH OLIVER WHO HAS SINCE RETURNED  
TO WASHINGTON. WE BELIEVE BEST APPROACH WOULD BE TO PUSH FOR A  
JOINT LETTER OF INVITATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC  
NATIONAL COMMITTEES. THIS MIGHT GIVE US THE OPENING WE SEEK,  
WHILE ACYPL COULD STILL ARRANGE THE PROGRAM IN  
CONJUNCTION WITH CU. IF THIS COURSE IS ACCEPTABLE,  
URGE DEPARTMENT TO CONTACT OLIVER DIRECTLY AS HE HAS EXPRESSED  
INTEREST AND WILLINGNESS TO PROCEED ALONG THESE LINES, AND TO  
INITIATE ACTION TO OBTAIN A JOINT LETTER OF INVITATION.  
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